

Immunization Requirements for College Students

In accordance with the Rhode Island Department of Health *Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Immunization and Testing for Communicable Diseases for Students Entering Colleges or Universities* (R23-1-IMM/COL) http://www.rules.state.ri.us/rules/released/pdf/DOH/DOH_306_.pdf, students in Rhode Island are required to have the following immunizations:

- ❖ Booster dose of Td (tetanus and diphtheria) vaccine within the last 10 years
- ❖ Two doses of MMR vaccine (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)
- ❖ One dose of MMR for students born on or before December 31, 1956
- ❖ Three doses of hepatitis B vaccine
 - Required for all health science students
 - Recommended for all other students (as of August 2006 will be required for all students)
- ❖ Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine (1 dose if received before 13 years of age and 2 doses if received after 13 years of age) or a statement signed by a health care provider stating that the student has a history of chickenpox disease.
 - Required for all health science students
 - Recommended for all other students (as of August 2006 will be required for all students)
- ❖ Meningococcal Vaccine
 - Recommended for freshman students living in dormitories

All students entering colleges in Rhode Island need to be up-to-date on the required immunizations listed above **BEFORE** entering college. We recommend that you take this notice to your health care provider to review the above immunizations and ensure that you are protected from all vaccine-preventable diseases. **Students who are not in compliance with the above requirements will not be allowed to register for classes.**